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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/EP00/08842INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
4 SEPTEMBER 2000PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
15 SEPTEMBER 1999TITLE OF INVENTION  
GAS-INSULATED SWITCHGEAR DEVICEAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
Costante PIAZZA - Libero SFONDRINI - Aldo SCIACCA

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: **redrafted claims 15 to 28 for entering the preliminary amendment.**

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21. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):**

Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)  
nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO  
and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... **\$1040.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to  
USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... **\$890.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO  
but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... **\$740.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO  
but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... **\$710.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO  
and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... **\$100.00**
**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**
**CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY**
**\$ 890. =**

Surcharge of **\$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30  
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$
Total claims	<b>14</b> - 20 =		x <b>\$18.00</b>	\$
Independent claims	<b>1</b> - 3 =		x <b>\$84.00</b>	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ <b>\$280.00</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 890. =</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 890. =</b>
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$ 890. =</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00</b> per property +				<b>\$ 40. =</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 930. =</b>
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a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. **13-3860** in the amount of \$ **930. =** to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-3860**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. ☐ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card**  
**information should not be included on this form.** Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR  
1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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**RE: New U.S. Patent Application in the name of Costante PIAZZA, Libero SFONDRINI and Aldo SCIACCA to be filed as confirmation of application No. PCT/EP00/08842 of September 4, 2000**

**Agent's docket: 35845/GM/lp**

Hon.

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

**BOX P.C.T.**

WASHINGTON 20231 D.C. - U.S.A.

Sir,

Applicants desire processing of the above International Application in the national U.S. phase under P.C.T..

This is to enclose:

- 1) Transmittal letter in duplicate; Authorization (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 930.==;
- 2) Assignment to ABB SERVICE S.R.L. + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.==;
- 3) Specification and claims with combined declaration and power of attorney duly signed on March 5, 2002 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application;
- 4) Five formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- 5) Preliminary Amendment with new claims 15 to 28;

We further enclose the following documents:

- 6) Copy of the Request;
- 7) Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date;
- 8) Notification concerning submission or transmittal of Priority Document;

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- 9) Notification of transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration;  
+ International Search Report and cited references;  
+ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(b);
- 10) Copy of publication of International Application;
- 11) Notification of receipt of Demand by competent International preliminary Examining Authority;
- 12) Written Opinion;
- 13) Applicants' response to the Written Opinion;
- 14) Notification of transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report + International Preliminary Examination Report;
- 15) Notification of the recording of a change.

The priority date of the Italian Patent Application N. MI99A001923 of September 15, 1999 is respectfully claimed. The Certified Copy was submitted at WIPO on December 28, 2000.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

Will you please collect immediately the credit specified in the deposit account order, so as to allow the Application to receive an earliest filing date, however within:

**MARCH 15, 2002.**

Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully submitted



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